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State Prisoners

List of persons connected with the Malabar rebellion against whom cases are still pending.

*1707 *Q.*—Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government will publish a complete list of all persons against whom cases connected with the Malabar rebellion are pending ;

(*b*) whether the Government are prepared to consider the question of granting a general amnesty to all persons who have not been proceeded against so far and who are guilty only of offences other than murder ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will publish a complete list of all the persons whom they intend to proceed against in future under the ordinary law or special laws for anything done by them in connexion with the rebellion ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have not an up-to-date list but have called for one.

(*b*) The Government are not prepared to pass any general orders on the question.

(*c*) The Government do not consider it desirable to publish such a list.

Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar :—" With reference to answer (*c*) that the Government do not consider it desirable to publish such a list, may I know whether there are any persons against whom the Government intend to proceed and, if so, how many approximately ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" There are many persons against whom the Government intend to proceed as indicated in the answer to clause (*a*)."

Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar :—" May I know why the Government do not consider it desirable to publish the names of those persons even seven or eight years after the rebellion ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" The circumstances of the case against each person have to be carefully considered by the district authorities and by the legal advisers of the Government."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With reference to clause (*b*) of the question, may I know the reasons why the Government are not prepared to pass any general orders granting amnesty to all those persons who have not been proceeded with and who are guilty of offences other than murder ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Because it will be dangerous to the public peace of the district of Malabar."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" With reference to the answer (*b*) that the Government are not prepared to pass any general orders, may I know whether they contemplate passing any special orders on special cases ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" As a matter of fact, many persons are released in batches."

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Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"May I know if the hon. the Law Member is aware that, by keeping this matter hanging for over eight years, it is likely that evidence will be manufactured against these people ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Many of these people have absconded."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—"May I know whether, giving them general amnesty and allowing them to return home after giving some security, it will be conducive to the happiness of several families and also of the public ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"It would not be conducive to public peace."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"May I ask if the list is at any rate complete or if the list is being added to every day ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Certainly it is not being added to."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I know on what basis the hon. the Law Member says that it would not be in the interests of public peace to release these people ?" 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Because we get reports from the District Magistrate."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"May I know when the list was last drawn up ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"May I know when the last of these reports was received from the District Collector ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I think about one and a half months or two months ago."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether that list contains the name of an old woman of 80 years of age ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Can't say, Sir."

Emigration

Number of emigrants from this province.

* 1708 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of males and females who have emigrated to other countries from this province in each of the last twenty years and the number that have returned home during the same period ; and

(*b*) the total number from this province that are still in other countries, —how many in each country ?

A.—As the hon. Member is aware, 'Emigration' is a Central subject.

(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the annual reports on Emigration and Immigration which have been placed on the Editors' Table.

(*b*) The Government have no information.